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Help Keep Your Kids Safe This Halloween

With Halloween fast approaching, the Miami Beach Police Department wants to remind parents of some do's and don'ts of personal safety when you take your little goblins out trick-or-treating.

The safest way to celebrate Halloween is to participate in an organized event or party. For those who still want to observe the holiday in the traditional manner, the Miami Beach Police Department suggests following these tips:

- Children should wear light-colored costumes short enough to prevent tripping. Reflective tape can be added to enhance visibility.
- Your child should be able to see properly through a mask.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult at all times, should stay within their neighborhood, and only visit homes of people they know.
- Carry a flashlight after sunset.
- Examine all candy or treats at home before allowing your child to eat them. If any candy appears to be tampered with, throw it away.
- Keep your costumed children away from pets since the animals might panic and not recognize the child.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Foam rubber is a good substitute.

Happy Halloween

